## Karen Weldin Stewart Names Hardy Drane Deputy Insurance Commissioner

(**DOVER, DE**) - Commissioner Karen Weldin Stewart today named attorney Hardy Drane as Deputy Commissioner for the Delaware Department of Insurance.

"I am happy to announce that I talked Hardy out of retirement and convinced him to come back and serve as my Deputy Commissioner," said Stewart. "He has extensive knowledge of insurance and the law, and his expertise will be invaluable as the Department continues to grow."

Drane was a lawyer with a major Wilmington law firm for almost 30 years, where his practice focused on insurance and environmental law. Following retirement from private practice, Hardy served as a Deputy Attorney General representing the Department of Insurance through July 2014. He has served on the boards of directors of a number of local nonprofit organizations including the Community Legal Aid Society, the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware, and the Rodney Street Tennis and Tutoring Association.

Drane was sworn in during a brief ceremony this morning and starts work immediately.



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